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To Whom It May Concern:

As a citizen I am very concerned about Microsoft's ability to continue to function as a monopoly in the software and operating system markets. I strongly urge the DOJ to pursue the complete disclosure and public documentation of all Windows API function and parameters and file format specifications for its Office software. Allowing Microsoft to maintain this information as secret is limiting the competitiveness of the software markets and hurting consumers.

Also, I urge the DOJ to force Microsoft to stop forcing computer system distributors and marketers into a restrictive licensing policy. Microsofts current licensing policy is limiting consumer choice and market competition. Computer distributors must be allowed to provide consumers with a choice at the point of sale, to market computers with alternative Operating Systems in a possible multi-boot environment.

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